

MINUTES

OF THE 9 APRIL 1984

MEETING OF THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION

1. The meeting was called to order at 1100 hours in Room 7D32 Headquarters. Present were:

Members:



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Others:

2. The minutes of the 12 March 1984 meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Committee Reports

a. Exhibits

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[redacted] gave the following Exhibits Committee report.

April - The Smithsonian exhibit entitled "Buildings Reborn, New Faces in Old Places" is presently up. The movie "Brownstones in Brooklyn," which is part of this exhibit, is being shown in Room 1E78 from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. on each Wednesday during the month of April. The film is about the rehabilitation of brownstones in Brooklyn. [redacted]
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[redacted] mentioned the assistance received from [redacted]

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[redacted] in hanging the exhibit. This exhibit will be up on Saturday, 28 April, which is Family Visitation Day at the Agency. After discussion, it was decided that we should use signs in the area asking visitors to exercise caution around the exhibits.

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May - [redacted] will coordinate the East Asia Exhibit.

June - Open.

July - There is a possibility we may have the Early American exhibit proposed [redacted] in time for July.

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August - Open.

September - Hispanic Month.

October - Intelligence Fair.

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[redacted] advised that she had received a card from the sculptor whose works we exhibited in the past, on his most recent works. He has a show in the small gallery in the New York artists' residence where he now lives. It is a prestigious form of recognition for him to be invited to join this group of artists.

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[redacted] reported on a suggestion that we have an exhibit featuring photographs and models of trains. The nature of the photographs available will be explored.

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[redacted] advised that he had called Mr. Botwinick's office at the Corcoran and talked to his secretary. He told her that we were trying to establish our summer schedule of exhibits and inquired concerning the status of the proposed portable shows of Corcoran exhibits. No further word has been received.

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[redacted] suggested the establishment of an exhibit program drawing on the resources of Agency employees. Many employees have original pieces of art they might like to display, and by drawing upon this source, we could create a rotating collection of art works on loan to the Agency. [redacted] brought up the matter of insuring these items; if this program is initiated, we would have to consider this. [redacted]

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[redacted] will pursue this exhibit idea further.

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4. Old Business

a. Evaluation of Photographic Copy of Helms' Portrait

At the March meeting, [redacted] had asked the members to find an opportunity to look at the photographic reproduction of the Helms' portrait

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hanging in line with the oil paintings and to take a close look at the way this copy fits in the midst of the oils. In commenting, the members' main criticism of this reproduction was that it tended to be too glossy. They felt that if the surface could be dulled and some of the glossiness removed, it would be more acceptable. [] will ask [] to check with the company which had made this copy to see if this could be done. [] said that the conservationist who had come out last month to look at our portraits had advised that she could probably get the original oil portrait of Helms back very close to the original color by removing the varnish, at an approximate cost of \$400. The Commission agreed that this work should be done.

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[] advised that the DCI will be sitting for his portrait sometime this month.

b. Restoration of Maps in Elevator Lobbies

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[] of the Cartography Division was present to discuss the restoration of the maps in the elevator lobbies. These maps were acquired from the Library of Congress, reproduced by Cartography Division and glued to the walls by the GSA paint shop in 1964. []

[] advised that the map of Paris in the B Corridor is the one in most pressing need of repair. []

[] asked whether the negatives of these maps are still available, and the possibility of inserting only new sections where needed in the map of Paris was discussed. [] agreed to take on the task of finding the negatives and having prints made. []

[] will work with him.

c. New Sign for Ops Center

With reference to the earlier request from CPAS for a sign at the Ops Center, [] reported that at present there is a large Agency seal outside the door to the Ops Center. The request was that the words CIA be placed above the seal and Operations Center be placed below the seal and that this be done in decorative black dimensional letters. This request was approved and the work order has already gone through.

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d. Redecorating of Ground Floor Elevator Wells

The condition of the walls in the ground floor elevator wells and the necessity to replace some of the existing wallpaper was brought up. [] advised that a proposal had been put forth originally

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that the lower portion of the old paper in need of replacing be removed and a band of new paper of a darker shade be inserted in its place. In this regard, he said that he and [redacted] counterproposed that the entire wall be redone with a more practical surface, and this has been approved. [redacted] has chosen four wall colors that are harmonious with the colors of the elevator doors.

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5. New Business

a. Request to Paint Stars in Memorial Wall

[redacted] advised of a request by the Photography Division that the stars in the Memorial Wall be painted. The Commission did not agree with this request.

b. Republication of Booklet "Design for Living in CIA"

[redacted] advised the Commission that he felt this was an appropriate time for republication of the booklet "Design for Living in CIA," considering the plans for the new building. Each of the members has been given a copy of this and [redacted] asked that they take some time before the next meeting to study it and think through any specific suggestions they may have for updating it. He asked that they provide him with their suggestions and he will give our specific proposals to [redacted]. [redacted] will work with her on this.

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c. Redecoration of Headquarters Cafeteria

[redacted] advised that he and [redacted] had attended a meeting regarding the redecoration of the Headquarters cafeteria. He showed the members two configurations of proposed plans for the cafeteria. The plans call for eventually opening up the entire area of the North and South Cafeterias into one large cafeteria. The seating capacity in both schemes is the same. The entire floor of the cafeteria would be carpeted; samples of the carpet and wall coverings proposed for each scheme were displayed.

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6. The next meeting of the FAC will be held on Monday, 11 June 1984, at 1100 hours in Room 7D32.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 hours.

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